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Quarterly general government debt under the Excessive Deficit Protocol

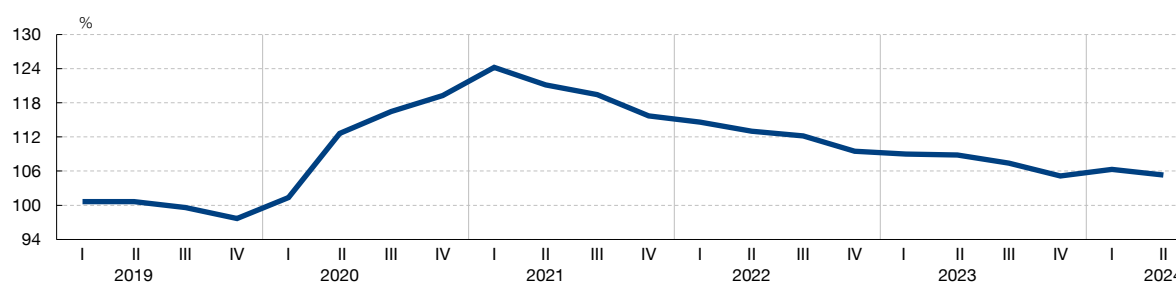
### General government debt stood at 105.3% of GDP in 2024 Q2

- Overall general government debt grew by 3.6% year-on-year.
- Central government debt and regional (autonomous) government debt increased by 6.3% and 3.1% respectively, while local government debt declined by 0.9%.

**General government (GG) debt** under the Excessive Deficit Protocol (EDP)<sup>1</sup> amounted to €1.62 trillion at the end of June 2024<sup>2</sup>. Calculated using nominal GDP, in four-quarter cumulated terms, the **debt/GDP ratio** stood at 105.3% in 2024 Q2, 0.2 pp higher than at the end of 2023. The annual growth rate of outstanding debt was 3.6%.

EDP DEBT OF GENERAL GOVERNMENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF GDP mp<sup>3</sup>

CHART 1



<sup>1</sup> The definition of debt under the EDP is that used in the context of the Stability and Growth Pact (SGP) and, customarily, in the analysis of the sustainability of public finances. This definition includes general government liabilities in the form of cash and deposits, debt securities and loans, valued at nominal (face) value and excluding liabilities issued by general government held by other units of the same sector (consolidation).

<sup>2</sup> The information on general government EDP debt published today by the Banco de España on its website has been revised in the more recent period to incorporate the changes included in the EDP notification sent to the European Commission. It includes the effects of the benchmark revision carried out in coordination with the revision of National Accounts made by the National Statistics Institute (INE) and the revision of General Government accounts made by the National Audit Office (IGAE), with the release by the Banco de España of the Balance of Payments and International Investment Position statistics (the main results of which were published on 23 September) and with the Financial Accounts (to be published on 9 October). Although, on this occasion, the revision of the historical series of the EDP debt has not had a very significant impact.

<sup>3</sup> Gross Domestic Product at market prices, published by the Spanish Statistical Office on 27 September 2024.

With regard to the different sub-sectors, the outstanding amount of overall **central government (CenGvt) debt** stood at €1.48 trillion in June 2024, representing 96.2% of GDP. In year-over-year terms, the debt growth of this sub-sector in 2024 Q2 was 6.3%.

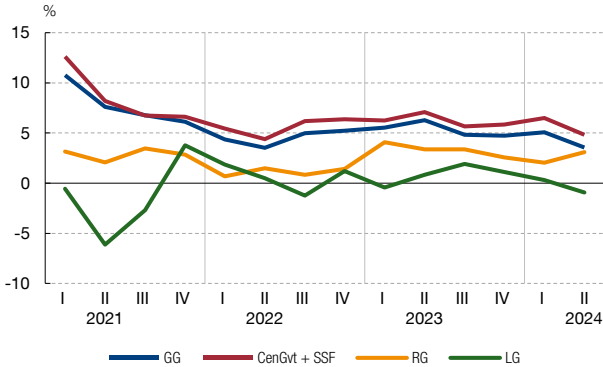
The **debt of social security funds (SSF)** stood at €116 billion, 7.5% of GDP, posting a year-on-year growth of 9.4%<sup>4</sup>.

In terms of territorial governments, the debt under the EDP of **regional (autonomous) government (RG)** amounted to €337 billion in June 2024, or 21.9% of GDP, with a year-on-year increase of 3.1%. **Local government (LG) debt** amounted to €24 billion in 2024 Q2 or 1.5% of GDP, and was 0.9% lower than a year earlier.

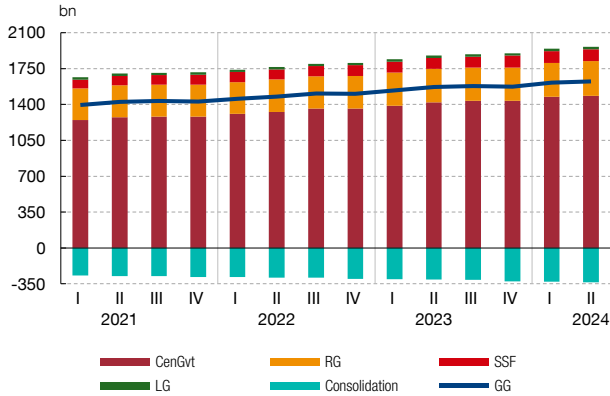
**EDP DEBT OF GENERAL GOVERNMENT BY SUB-SECTOR<sup>5</sup>**

**CHART 2**

2.1 YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATES



2.2 OUTSTANDING AMOUNTS IN BILLIONS OF EURO



<sup>4</sup> This increase is due to the loans granted by the State to social security funds under the scope of the budgetary extension. These loans are financial transactions between sub-sectors and the total debt of the general government sector is not affected.

<sup>5</sup> The sum of the debt of each of the sub-sectors of general government is higher than the debt of the total sector because the liabilities held by other units of the sector are subtracted (i.e. they are consolidated) in the process of aggregation.

As regards the breakdown by instrument and original term, **long-term debt securities** grew by 5.8% year-on-year, while **long-term loans** decreased by 5.6%. The annual growth rate of short-term instruments in 2024 Q2 decreased by 10.2%.

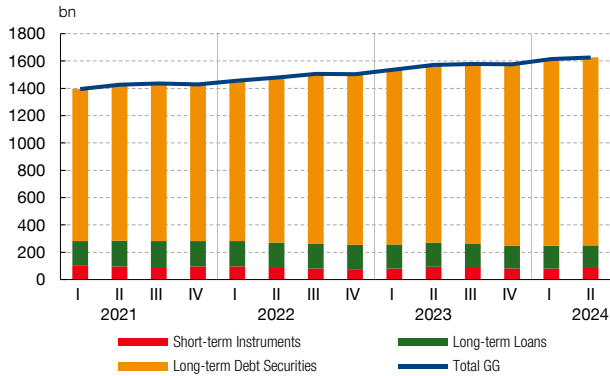
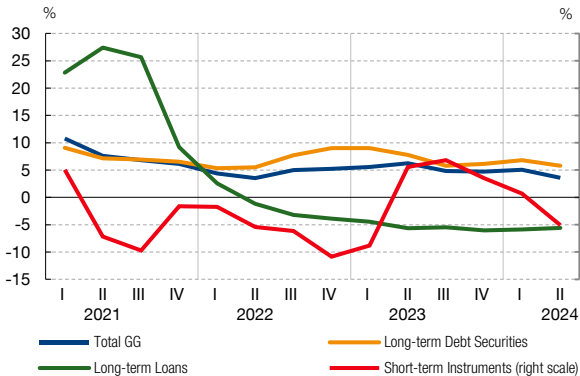
Taking into account the weight of each debt instrument, June 2024 EDP debt was mainly in the form of long-term liabilities, representing 94.8% of the total, with long-term debt securities particularly significant at 84.5%, while the percentage of short-term debt stood at 5.2%.

**EDP DEBT OF GENERAL GOVERNMENT BY INSTRUMENT**

**CHART 3**

3.1 YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATES

3.2 OUTSTANDING AMOUNTS IN BILLIONS OF EURO



## Additional information

On the Banco de España website you can find detailed [statistical information](#) as well as full time series<sup>6</sup> and a description of the [methodology](#) for compiling general government debt under the Excessive Deficit Protocol. The interactive tool [BExplora](#) is also available on this website; it allows customised graphics development and more flexible access to the data.

### *Next release of monthly data<sup>7</sup>*

The preview of the August 2024 general government EDP debt figures will be published on 22 October 2024.

### *Next release of quarterly data*

The 2024 Q3 general government EDP debt figures will be published on 13 December 2024.

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<sup>6</sup> Full-time series are also [available](#) using the time series search engine BIEST.

<sup>7</sup> The publication dates of the public debt statistics can be [consulted](#) on the Banco de España website.

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